

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

C1 This application is a division of United States Patent Application Serial Number

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In the Claims:

Please rewrite the claims as follows: (A clean version of the amended claim is provided immediately below. Provided as an attachment to this amendment is a marked-up version of the prior pending claim with all changes shown.)

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 14.

CLAIM 31 (amended)

C2 The apparatus of claim 27 in which said polymer is a polymer gel.

Please add the following new claims:

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CLAIM 32

An apparatus comprising:

a solution containing anthracene; and

a polyelectrolyte fiber disposed in said solution.

CLAIM 35

- 1 The apparatus of claim 34 in which said polyelectrolyte fiber is polyacrylic acid-polyvinyl
2 alcohol (PAA-PVA).

3 CLAIM 36

- 4 The apparatus of claim 35 in which said anthracene is in its protonated form.

5 CLAIM 37

- 6 An apparatus comprising:
7 a solution containing anthracene; and
8 an acrylamide gel disposed in said solution.

CLAIM 38

- 1 The apparatus of claim 37 in which said anthracene is in its protonated form.